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Note verbale dated 18 September 2000 from the Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee

The Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997), and has the honour to communicate the following information concerning the implementation of the United Nations sanctions against Sierra Leone, as established by the Security Council in its resolutions 1306 (2000) and 1171 (1998).

On 3 August, the Council of the European Union adopted European Union regulation No. 1745/2000, imposing restrictions on the import of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone. In conformity with Security Council resolution 1306 (2000), this regulation prohibits direct or indirect import into the European Union of rough diamonds coming or originating from Sierra Leone, except when the import of rough diamonds is accompanied by a certificate of origin issued by the Sierra Leonese authorities (in accordance with paragraph 5 of resolution 1306 (2000).

At this moment a ministerial order is being prepared by the Government of the Netherlands which penalizes violation of common position No. 1998/409/GBVB, prohibiting the sale and supply of arms to non-governmental forces in Sierra Leone, following Security Council resolution 1171 (1998). Punishment in case of violation has been determined in the National Act on Economic Offences.

Weapons embargoes are generally executed by applying the licence regime laid down in the Import and Export Act, which has been further specified in the Decree on Import and Export of Strategic Goods.

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